Candidate R. Rosenblith asks help from colleges
By Kathy Swart

Ronald F. Rosenblith, son of MIT's faculty chairman Professor Walter Rosenblith, is pushing the State Senate Government Committee for "university responsibility to the community" to deal with the problems that he says are caused by the lack of cooperation between the universities and the community in the 3rd district. Rosenblith feels that for universities to remain where they are, they must be made to realize that they owe a certain amount of responsibilities and duties to the community.

University problems

Some of the things that Rosenblith feels the universities must do are: (1) Help pay the rising costs of government. Because the students account for 30% of the city's non-taxable land area, Rosenblith feels that they do not contribute enough to the city's finances. (2) Solve the traffic problems that they seem to create by building vertical parking lots or underground garages. (3) Solve the housing shortage that Rosenblith claims the universities create by allowing students to live off campus. He wants the universities to build up the local resources so that they may have adequate student and faculty housing, or to build 231-01 type housing so that the rents will not rise when there is an influx of students wanting apartments. (4) Use their existing land more efficiently. Rosenblith feels that there is no excuse for the sprawling out of the universities—it only causes problems for the people who live in the neighborhoods.

To implement all of his plans Rosenblith is calling for the formation of special Community Corporations which would be established and directed by representatives from both the university and the community. The function of these corporations would be to develop, plan, and oversee the progress of the community as a whole. The ultimate goal of these corporations would be to create a harmonious relationship between the universities and the community.

McCarthy works

Rosenblith attended Clark University and is now a student of government at BU. He was a fulltime staff member of Massachusetts Scientists and Engineers for Johnson & Humphrey in 1964 and worked this year in Senator Eugene McCarthy's campaign. In this capacity, he organized and managed district headquarters and supervised literature distribution in Milwaukee, Omaha, and Lake County, Ill. He was later promoted to Senator McCarthy's Personal Advance Staff. He has also worked for Governor Volpe's Commonwealth Service Corps—the Massachusetts version of the Peace Corps—awarded as a memorial to the late President John F. Kennedy. As well as his political work, Rosenblith has taught English and German at a private language school.

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Later the decision was also made that it was beyond the responsibility of the Institute to prosecute, if indeed there were any legal basis for such action. Aside from the impersonation of prominent people and the relatively small amounts of money gained from those who were deceived, little that could be used for legal action took place. As this is written, the investigation is still being conducted.

Anger becomes sympathy

The first reaction of those who were involved with this person (which included members of five other fraternities with which she had no extended contact) was anger, but after a short time and some extended discussions with one another and the Dean's Office, this feeling subsided and became one of sympathy, according to Dean Rosenblith. One of the students involved explained that although the young woman could have been detained for ten days or for observation probably would not have been done any good. The problem was compounded by the fact that it was impossible to identify the young woman or determine whether or not she had any relatives who might be contacts. The psychiatrist decided that hospitalization was inappropriate.

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